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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 8, line 14, after "reliably.", please insert --The pin may be provided on the bottom of the pouring port so that the sample solution can be introduced into the pouring port even more reliably.--

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

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